



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: Multiple System Atrophy (MSA) is a rare degenerative and terminal neurological disease that weakens the body's involuntary functions; and

WHEREAS: MSA affects approximately 50,000 Americans and has a distinctive impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS: There are a number of symptoms associated with MSA, including poor balance and loss of coordination, intestinal problems, speech issues, and difficulty swallowing and inhaling; and

WHEREAS: A multidisciplinary approach to MSA care includes physical, physiological, and financial support for both patients and caregivers, including support groups. There are a variety of medications used to treat the symptoms of MSA, yet further research is needed to better manage the disease and ultimately find a cure; and

WHEREAS: Citizens and organizations across the state are committed to ensuring those afflicted with MSA maintain an adequate quality of life. Through these outreach efforts, public awareness grows, increasing the likelihood that MSA may be accurately diagnosed and treated in the future; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 13th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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